

TOWN OF GRANBY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2012

PRESENT: Neil Hornish, Anna Sogliuzzo, Mark Lockwood, and Carolyn Flint

The meeting was called to order at 7:37PM by Chairman Hornish.

MAY 17, 2012 MINUTES:

The minutes from the May 17, 2012 meeting were reviewed by the Commission.

ON A MOTION by Ms. Flint, seconded by Mr. Lockwood, the minutes from the May 17, 2012 Conservation Commission meeting were approved on a (4-0-0) vote.

CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE:

Solarize Connecticut is an initiative being launched by the Connecticut Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority (CEFIA) and is looking for communities to participate in the pilot program. According to the email received by the Commission from CEFIA: "Solarize Connecticut is designed to make it easier and more affordable for residents to purchase or lease solar photovoltaic (PV) systems. Through a Request for Information that CEFIA released, four municipalities will be selected to participate in Phase I of the pilot program. Each community selected must demonstrate a strong interest in encouraging local homeowners to adopt solar, a willingness to dedicate resources to the program to ensure it is successful, and the creativity and energy to help promote the Solarize campaign to local residents."

Proposals from municipalities are due by 5:00PM on June 29, 2012. The Commission agreed this project was something they could pursue; however, they might not be selected. If not selected to participate in Phase I, the Commission would automatically be enrolled in the 2013 Campaign, if CEFIA continues the project.

Mr. Lockwood proposed that instead of promoting to have individual residences install PV systems, the Commission could encourage neighborhoods to come together to install a PV system in residential open space (i.e. an open area on a cul-de-sac, etc). Mr. Lockwood also suggested researching whether installing PV systems at Evonsion Farm would be a viable option for the Solarize Connecticut program.

The Commission decided they would forward the email from CEFIA to the Town Manager's office for input from Town Manager Bill Smith.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Kathy Waddington, a 6th grade teacher at Wells Road School, invited Chairman Hornish to speak to her class about being in the conservation field as they are currently reading Hoot" by Carl Hiaasen, a book which deals with conservation issues.

Ms. Sue Christian from the Town Manager's office contacted Chairman Hornish to notify him that there is a Granby resident interested in becoming a member of the Commission, which will fill the Commission vacancy.

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NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY (NRI):

The Commission spent the remainder of the meeting reviewing the NRI and making revisions for the final draft. Commission members will continue this endeavor during the next few weeks as well as at the June 21, 2012 meeting.

ON A MOTION by Mark Lockwood, seconded by Anna Sogliuzzo, the meeting adjourned at 8:58pm on a (4-0-0) vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Leveille
Recording Secretary